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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Georgia (S/1999/1087)

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

A briefing will be given by Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, at a formal meeting of the Security Council to be held on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23

2. Training and research [102] (A/54/390, A/54/480, A/54/481)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Training and research [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103] (A/54/152-1999/92 and Corr.1 (Arabic only)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/54/3, A/54/407, A/54/443)

   Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.14 *(100 (a))*, A/C.2/ 54/L.15 *(100 (c))*, A/C.2/ 54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/ 54/L.18 *(100 (d))*

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

3. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

7. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127] (A/54/393)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. III), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Part V, section 19)

Economic and social development in Western Asia (Part V, section 20)

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21)

General discussion

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* To be issued.

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Human rights (Part VI, section 22 and A/53/643)

Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23 and A/C.5/54/15)

Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)

Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 28

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 28 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) will take place *today*, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 14

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) *today*, 9 November 1999, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 9 November, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 9 November 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:
WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 102 (Training an research) and on item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP:
WORKING GROUP ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c) (Trade and development) and on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	51st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]
2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]
3. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]
4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			THIRD COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2	10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1
			3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)	
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

	SECOND COMMITTEE			FIFTH COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY

10 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the panel discussion. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 11 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

Note: The summary of the 10th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/216).

Monday, 8 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4062nd (private) meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4062nd meeting, held in private on 8 November 1999, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina". The representatives of Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations was also invited, at his request, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, to participate without the right to vote.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Petritsch responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

48th plenary meeting

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/54/187) [53]

The General Assembly took note of the sixth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Norway, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 53.

Report of the international Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/54/315) [51]

The General Assembly took note of the fourth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, Egypt, Lesotho, Zambia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liechtenstein and Rwanda.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 51.

49th plenary meeting

Floods in Viet Nam

The Vice-President made a statement.

The representative of Viet Nam made a statement.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/108) [17(h)]

The Vice-President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, Burkina Faso would be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since, from among the Eastern European States, there were four candidates for one vacancy, and from among the Western European and other States, there were three candidates for two vacancies, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Eastern European States and two States from the Western European and other States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up.

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

	Votes
Austria	103
Belarus	60
Croatia	20
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28
Germany	134
Romania	65
United States of America	101

On the first round of balloting, Austria and Germany were selected to be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose candidates for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since one country from among the Eastern European States remained to be selected, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Belarus	77
Romania	93

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), Romania was selected to be included in the list of four countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Vice-President announced that the President would propose a list of candidates to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 25th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Introduction of revised draft resolutions

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1 and orally amended operative paragraph 4 (a).

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 125 to 3, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.23 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 to none, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.41 was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 40, with 17 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 122 to 0, with 19 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, as follows: the eighth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 14 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 143 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

SECOND COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Secretariat of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Turkey, Colombia, Antigua and Barbuda, Thailand, San Marino, Nicaragua, South Africa and Jamaica.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization made a statement.

34th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 100 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Japan, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, made a presentation.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance in which the representatives of Angola, Algeria, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Myanmar, San Marino, Chile, Tunisia and Nepal took part.

The Committee then began its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, the United States, Senegal, Japan, the Czech Republic, Bangladesh, the Sudan, New Zealand and Ecuador.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

37th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion on sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Thailand, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, Cuba, Algeria, Colombia and Tunisia and by the observer for Switzerland.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the Sudan, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part IV: International cooperation for development

Section 12. Environment

The Committee continued its consideration of section 12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Cuba.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 12 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 13. Human settlements

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement regarding section 13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba and Uganda.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 13 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil, the United States, Japan, Uganda, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Australia.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 14 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 15. International drug control

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, the Philippines and Uganda.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 15 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Australia made a general statement regarding Part IV (International cooperation for development), in particular on sections 9 (Economic and social affairs) and 11A (Trade and development).

Titre V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 16. Economic and social development in Africa

Section 16 A. Regional commission

Section 16 B. Regional Commissions New York Office

Section 17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Section 18. Economic development in Europe

Section 19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Section 20. Economic and social development in Western Asia

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Part V of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement on Part V (Regional cooperation for development).

Statements on section 16 were made by the representatives of Egypt, Algeria, Japan, the United States, Uganda, Zambia, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Cuba, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Israel, Kenya, the Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

30th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 16. Economic and social development in Africa

Section 16A. Regional commission

Section 16B. Regional Commissions New York Office

The Committee continued its consideration of section 16.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Controller replied to a question raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 16 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Japan, China, Bangladesh and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 17 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 18. Economic development in Europe

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Cuba, Ukraine and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions posed.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 18 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 1999

391st meeting

Opening of the session

The twenty-third session of the Committee was declared open by its Chairman.

The Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee amended the provisional agenda (CAT/C/51).

Organizational and other matters [3]

The Committee considered the item.

In closed session, the Committee discussed organizational matters concerning information received under article 20 of the Convention (agenda item 5).

392nd (closed) meeting

The Committee discussed, in closed session, organizational matters related to individual communications received under article 22 (agenda item 6).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 November 1999)*

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Latvia (5 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994. Geneva, 26 January 1994

Ratification: Portugal (4 November 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Panama (3 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

To mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display from *today*, 9 November, to Sunday, 21 November 1999. The opening of the exhibit will be held *today* at 6.30 p.m. in the Visitor's Lobby of the General Assembly Building, in the presence of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Vendela Thommessen, UNICEF International Spokesperson, and Gerd Poppe, German Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday,18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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Special event

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rig..ts, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and program.nes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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